

Town of Union Court Security Policy

1. Policy Statement

- A. All persons entering the court facility will be subject to screening procedures or be allowed to voluntarily leave the facility. A Magnetometer is in use for the screening process.
- B. The Magnetometer will be operated within a predetermined authorized calibration. Prohibited items shall be as established by the Justices of the court from time to time.
- C. All individuals in Section II (A), (B), and (C) (General Exceptions) and Section III (Special Exceptions), who are in court, in other than an official capacity, are prohibited from carrying weapons in the court facility. All such individuals will be subject to screening procedures.
- D. There are no provisions for vouchering and holding prohibited items.

2. General Exceptions

- A. Court Personnel - - all judicial and non-judicial personnel will be allowed to bypass the screening procedure.
- B. County Agencies – all county agencies (District Attorney’s office, Public Defenders, Probation, etc..) will be allowed to bypass the screening procedure provided they produce an employee identification card which contains the appropriate stamp on the back of the card.
- C. Law Enforcement Personnel – all law enforcement personnel who are in the court on official business will be allowed to bypass the screening procedure provided they produce an official shield and employee identification card.
- D. Attorneys—all attorneys will be allowed to bypass the screening procedure provided they produce a valid Unified Court System Identification Card. All attorneys are prohibited from carrying weapons in the court facility.

3. Special Exceptions

- A. All requests for special exceptions must be approved by the Town of Union Justice.
- B. Very specific justification must accompany all special exception requests.
- C. Security Screening – Prohibited Items

1. Large knapsacks, backpacks, duffel bags, large purses, boxes and carrying cases.
2. Children's strollers and baby carriers. Parents are encouraged not to bring infants and small children to court.
3. Guns and ammunition including BB guns, air and compressed gas-powered guns, pellet guns, flare guns, parts of guns, replicas of guns, gun lighters, toy guns and starter pistols.
4. Tools of any kind. This also includes nails, screws, rivets, etc...
5. Martial Arts and self-defense items including clubs, black jacks, brass knuckles, sticks, mace/pepper spray.
6. Sharp objects including knives of any kind or length, scissors, any item containing a razor blade, any kind of silverware.
7. Sporting equipment including baseball bats, golf clubs, lacrosse sticks, pool cues, ski poles, spear guns, bows and arrows.
8. Electronic devices including cameras, camcorders and tape recorders.
9. Any explosive material or flammable item including blasting caps, fireworks, flares, aerosol cans, fuels, paints and paint thinner, lighter fluid.
10. Toxic chemicals and other dangerous items including chlorine, compressed gas cylinders, liquid bleach, batteries containing liquid, spray paint and tear gas.
11. Food and beverage of any kind.
12. Any other item as identified by the Court Bailiff performing the security screen.

D. Additional items

1. All cell phones must be powered down in the courtroom.
2. All hats must be removed while in the courtroom.
3. Appropriate behavior and respect in the courtroom is expected.